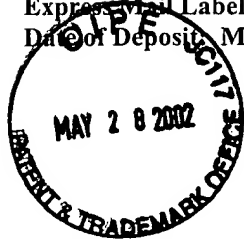


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the November 26, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before May 28, 2002. A check in the amount of \$920.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the extension of time.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due. If additional fees are due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 15966-534C CIP1). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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